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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JAYAKRISHNAN K NAIR, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 CHANNA COPELAND, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-1296 MJP

MINUTE ORDER

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16 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable Marsha
17 J. Pechman, United States District Judge:

18 Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint and Application for *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining
19 Order. Dkt. No. 4. The matter involves a dispute over the care of an elderly citizen of India who
20 is already the subject of a guardianship and a Vulnerable Adult Protective Order from the King
21 County Superior Court.

22 The Court DENIES Plaintiffs' request for an *ex parte* TRO. Because the issues raised by
23 Plaintiffs' complaint are currently the subject of state court proceedings, Plaintiffs' federal filing
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1 implicates the Colorado River Doctrine, which calls for a federal court to abstain from ruling in
2 matters which are pending in state court. Colorado River Water Conservation Dist. v. United
3 States, 424 U.S. 800, 817 (1976). Although making no “merits” determination at this time,
4 the Court will not rule on these issues, even preliminarily, without an opportunity for all
5 sides to be heard.

6 The filing fee has been paid and summonses issued to Plaintiffs, who now bear
7 responsibility for serving the defendants with notice of this action. Once Defendants have been
8 served and appeared, the parties are ordered to meet, confer, and propose a briefing schedule on
9 Plaintiffs’ request for injunctive relief.

10 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Plaintiffs and to all counsel.

11 Filed August 20, 2019.

12 William M. McCool
13 Clerk of Court

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15 Deputy Clerk
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